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Invention: BODY FLUID ABSORBENT PANEL
FOR SANITARY WEARING ARTICLE

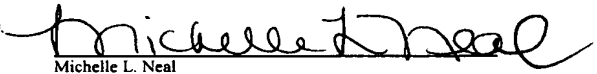
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following:

- -According to this invention the barrier comprises a shape keeping layer formed with
a plurality of thermoplastic synthetic resin fibers and a body fluid retaining layer placed upon one
of an upper surface and a lower surface of the shape keeping layer and formed with a plurality
of thermoplastic synthetic resin fibers mixed with absorbent material, and the synthetic resin
fibers are hot welded together at contact points of these fibers in the shape keeping layer and in
the body fluid retaining layer and, along an interface of the shape keeping layer and the body